

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To terminate membership by the United States in the United Nations, and  
for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Nations, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Disengaging Entirely  
5 From the United Nations Debacle Act of 2023” or the  
6 “DEFUND Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF UNITED NATIONS PARTICIPATION ACT**  
2 **OF 1945.**

3 (a) REPEAL.—The United Nations Participation Act  
4 of 1945 (Public Law 79–264; 22 U.S.C. 287 et seq.) is  
5 repealed.

6 (b) TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED NA-  
7 TIONS.—The President shall terminate all membership by  
8 the United States in the United Nations, and in any  
9 organ, specialized agency, commission, or other formally  
10 affiliated body of the United Nations.

11 (c) CLOSURE OF UNITED STATES MISSION TO  
12 UNITED NATIONS.—The United States Mission to the  
13 United Nations is closed. Any remaining functions of such  
14 office shall not be carried out.

15 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS**  
16 **AGREEMENT ACT.**

17 (a) REPEAL.—The Joint Resolution of August 4,  
18 1947 (61 Stat. 756, chapter 482; 22 U.S.C. 287 note)  
19 (commonly known as the “United Nations Headquarters  
20 Agreement Act”) is repealed.

21 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—The United States withdraws  
22 from the agreement between the United States of America  
23 and the United Nations regarding the headquarters of the  
24 United Nations (signed at Lake Success, New York, on  
25 June 26, 1947, which was brought into effect by the  
26 United Nations Headquarters Agreement Act).

1 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES ASSESSED AND VOLUNTARY CON-**  
2 **TRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS.**

3 No funds are authorized to be appropriated or other-  
4 wise made available for assessed or voluntary contribu-  
5 tions of the United States to the United Nations or to  
6 any organ, specialized agency, commission or other for-  
7 mally affiliated body of the United Nations, except that  
8 funds may be appropriated to facilitate termination of  
9 United States membership and withdrawal of United  
10 States personnel and equipment, in accordance with sec-  
11 tions 2 and 3, respectively. Upon termination of United  
12 States membership, no payments shall be made to the  
13 United Nations or to any organ, specialized agency, com-  
14 mission or other formally affiliated body of the United Na-  
15 tions, out of any funds appropriated prior to such termi-  
16 nation or out of any other funds available for such pur-  
17 poses.

18 **SEC. 5. UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.**

19 The United States may not participate in any peace-  
20 keeping operation of the United Nations.

21 **SEC. 6. WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED NATIONS PRESENCE IN**  
22 **FACILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE**  
23 **UNITED STATES AND REPEAL OF DIPLO-**  
24 **MATIC IMMUNITY.**

25 (a) **WITHDRAWAL FROM UNITED STATES GOVERN-**  
26 **MENT PROPERTY.**—The United Nations (including any

1 organ, specialized agency, commission or other formally  
2 affiliated body of the United Nations) may not occupy or  
3 use any property or facility of the United States Govern-  
4 ment.

5 (b) DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.—No officer or employee  
6 of the United Nations (including any organ, specialized  
7 agency, commission or other formally affiliated body of the  
8 United Nations) or any representative, officer, or em-  
9 ployee of any mission to the United Nations of any foreign  
10 government shall be entitled to enjoy the privileges and  
11 immunities of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Rela-  
12 tions done at Vienna April 18, 1961, nor may any such  
13 privileges and immunities be extended to any such indi-  
14 vidual. The privileges, exemptions, and immunities pro-  
15 vided for in the International Organizations Immunities  
16 Act (22 U.S.C. 288 et seq.), or in any agreement or treaty  
17 to which the United States is a party, including the Agree-  
18 ment Between the United Nations and the United States  
19 of America Regarding the Headquarters of the United Na-  
20 tions, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered  
21 into force November 21, 1947, and the Convention on the  
22 Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, done at  
23 New York February 13, 1946, and entered into force with  
24 respect to the United States on April 29, 1970, shall not  
25 apply to the United Nations or to any organ, specialized

1 agency, commission or other formally affiliated body of the  
2 United Nations, to the officers and employees of the  
3 United Nations, or of any organ, specialized agency, com-  
4 mission or other formally affiliated body of the United Na-  
5 tions, or to the families, suites, or servants of such officers  
6 or employees.

7 **SEC. 7. REPEAL OF UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN THE**  
8 **WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.**

9 The joint resolution entitled “Joint Resolution pro-  
10 viding for membership and participation by the United  
11 States in the World Health Organization and authorizing  
12 an appropriation therefor”, approved June 14, 1948 (22  
13 U.S.C. 290), is repealed.

14 **SEC. 8. REPEAL OF INVOLVEMENT IN UNITED NATIONS**  
15 **CONVENTIONS AND AGREEMENTS.**

16 The United States shall end any participation in any  
17 conventions and agreements with the United Nations and  
18 any organ, specialized agency, commission, or other for-  
19 mally affiliated body of the United Nations. Any remain-  
20 ing functions of such conventions and agreements shall  
21 not be carried out.

22 **SEC. 9. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES REENTRY INTO**  
23 **UNITED NATIONS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President may not enter into  
25 an agreement for membership in the United Nations or

1 any organ, specialized agency, commission, or other for-  
2 mally affiliated body of the United Nations without the  
3 advice and consent of the Senate.

4 (b) WITHDRAWAL PROVISION REQUIREMENT.—The  
5 advice and consent of the Senate to the ratification of any  
6 agreement seeking membership in the United Nations or  
7 any organ, specialized agency, commission, or other for-  
8 mally affiliated body of the United Nations shall be sub-  
9 ject to a reservation, which shall be included in the instru-  
10 ment of ratification, that reserves the right of the United  
11 States to withdraw from such agreement.

12 **SEC. 10. NOTIFICATION.**

13 The Secretary of State shall notify the United Na-  
14 tions and any organ, specialized agency, commission, or  
15 other formally affiliated body of the United Nations of the  
16 provisions of this Act.